**Association of Connecticut Library Boards**

Connecticut State Library

231 Capital Avenue

Hartford, CT 06106

Date: August 13, 2020

Location: Zoom meeting

Present: Gail Richmond, Carol Mikulski, Sue Phillips, Jan Glover, Denise Stankovics, Dawn LaValle

Missing: Wendy Berlind

**Call to Order:** President Gai Richmond called the meeting to order at 10:03

**Secretary’s Report:** It was moved (Carol) and seconded (Jan) to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2020 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report:** There were no questions about the treasurer’s report.

**President’s Report:** Dawn and Gail will be talking to the Fairfield Town Librarian after this meeting.

**FOCL Report:** Gail reported that Barbara Leonard is no longer the president and that Frank Ridley will be the new FOCL president.

**State Library Report**: Dawn reported for the CT State Library that all state libraries received CARES Act funding. CSL received funds and purchased Chromebooks and WiFi hotspots for libraries serving communities meeting the criteria of high poverty, high food insecurity, and high unemployment. CSL also purchased EBSCO’s Learning Express Jobs & Career Accelerator which is available to all CT libraries for 18 months. The search for a new State Librarian continues with a consulting firm guiding the search. Interim State Librarian Maureen Sullivan is working hard preparing the State Library for budget cuts. As part of the Governor’s Everyone Ready to Learn initiative, CSL will receive funds to help CT libraries serve their communities. A new DLD consultant for Adult Services and Community Engagement will start on August 24th; she will be working on adult programming resources as well as community engagement initiatives and professional development.

Discussion ensued regarding possible webinar topics that we can offer in place of our conference. Topics include:

Budgeting in the time of Covid

Marketing and Communication Strategies

Board Basics and beyond – include self-evaluation of Boards

Community engagement

Working with your director

It was discussed if we should charge a fee for these or make them free. After topics and presenters are identified we will discuss further. These webinars would start in November and offered one every few weeks.

**Old Business:**

Newsletter – Denise is looking for articles for the Fall newsletter. Dawn will ask Maureen Sullivan, Interim State Librarian, for a column. We could also list the webinars that are available. We need to figure out how the newsletter could be distributed electronically. Discussion ensued regarding including a request for email address on membership application for all board members.

**New Business:**

 Virtual conference ideas – **Gail asked that we google ideas for self-evaluation of Boards and send her the links that we could publish. This should be done before our next board meeting.**

**Adjournment:** It was moved (Jan) and seconded (Denise) to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

**There will be a special meeting on Thursday Sept. 10 to review proposal for the webinars.**

The next regular meeting will be on Oct. 8, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Mikulski (for Wendy Berlind)

Vice President